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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD :
FOR GENERATING REASONS THAT A :
COURT CASE IS CITED :

Group Art Unit: 2176

Examiner: M. Nguyen

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**RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003 (Paper No. 5), a restriction requirement for one of the following four inventions is required under 35 USC §121:

Group I, claims 1-4, 16-19, and 31-34, drawn to an automated method for designating text from a set of citing documents, classified in class 704, subclass 4.

Group II, claims 5-8, 20-23, and 35-38, drawn to an automated method for selecting content words from document, classified in class 715, subclass 501.1.

Group III, claims 9-10, 24-25, and 39-40, drawn to an automated method of finding different morphological forms for a word, classified in class 704, subclass

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Group IV, claims 11-15, 26-30, and 41-45, drawn to an automated method of scoring sentences in a citing document, classified in class 704, subclass 9.

Applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-4, 16-19, and 31-34, drawn to an automated method for designating text from a set of citing documents, classified in class 704, subclass 4..

The remaining Groups II and IV claims will be considered at a later date.

Applicant believes that all of the requirements have been met with the election of Group I, claims 1-4, 16-19, and 31-34, drawn to an automated method for designating text from a set of citing documents, classified in class 704, subclass 4. under 37 CFR §1.143.

Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorneys so that this case can receive an early notice of allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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